Black marketing of railway tickets

1294. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA:
SHRI HARISH RAWAT:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) how many touts have been arrested by Railway Police from stations during the last three years;

(b) whether it is a fact that railway employees are in nexus with these touts; and

(c) if so, the details of vigilance cases pending against railway employees who are involved in black-marketing of railway tickets?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) 4,990 touts have been arrested under section 143 of the Railways Act, 1989 during the last three years i.e. 2003, 2004 and 2005.

(b) and (c) Yes, Sir. 28 Railway employees were arrested under section 143 of the Railways Act, 1989 for their involvement with the touts. All these Railway employees have been taken up and cases have been registered against them. 13 cases are pending in the Court of Law. 14 have been dealt with under Disciplinary and Appeals Rules (DAR) and one case is pending under investigation.

Mumbai Urban Transport Project

1295. SHRI VIJAY J. DARDA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the physical progress of Mumbai Urban Transport Project (MUTP) till date;

(b) what steps Government have taken to avoid cost and time overrun on this project;

(c) whether there has been any slippages, so far, on this project; and

(d) if so, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) The overall physical progress of the Rail component of Mumbai Urban Transport Project (MUTP) is 31.5% till January 2006.